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THE REWARD OF A THING WELL DONE IS TO HAVE DONE IT

Distinction has again come to the Foreign Agricultural Service--attache work in particular. Five FAS members received USDA's highest honor awards from Secretary of Agriculture Freeman on May 23. Vice President Johnson was guest speaker.

SUPERIOR SERVICE



GRACE B. NOVAK, SECRETARY...for demonstrating exceptional personal qualities of service, devotion to duty, cooperation, and fortitude in the performance of regular and extra duties under unusually hazardous conditions during assignment in the Congo.



PATRICK M. O'LEARY, ASST. ADMINISTRATOR...for skillful leadership in furthering the cause of agriculture and the foreign policy objectives of the United States through the judicious use of surplus agricultural commodities in export programs.



FRANCIS G. THOMASON, COMMODITY ANALYST...for his major contributions to U.S. export programs for vegetable oils through outstandingly effective economic and commodity analyses.



GERALD E. TICHENOR, ASST. ADMINISTRATOR...for vision and leadership in the administration of the worldwide agricultural attache activities involving representation, reporting, and market development on behalf of American agriculture.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE



CHARALAMBOS S. STEPHANIDES, AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE, LEOPOLDVILLE...for initiative and resourcefulness in representing U.S. agricultural interests and in maintaining continuity and high quality of reporting in a complex area of Central Africa under difficult and hazardous conditions.

FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE

Salutations to Leo J. Schaben (Grain Division), P. K. Norris (Import Division), and Mary L. E. Jones (Tobacco Division). At the annual USDA awards ceremonies they were among 63 employees honored for 40 years of service.



Pictured above at the FAS Incentive Awards Ceremony are staff members who won certificates of merit for outstanding performance. Seated (left to right): Mabel M. Jones, Irene I. Gonzalez, Beatrice C. Hoyt, Eugenia A. Kraft, Alice Fray Nelson, Doris L. Laut,

and Isabel A. Smith. Standing: Andrew J. Nichols, Marshal D. Fox, Robert C. Tetro, William E. Harvey, and Kenneth W. Olson. Honored but not in picture: Eleanore I. Burford, (Paris) and Eleanor R. Birely, (London).

FAS ALSO HONORS ITS OWN

Fifty-one FAS employees were singled out for commendation at the FAS Incentive Awards Ceremony May 2 in the Jefferson Auditorium.

Asst Secretary John P. Duncan, Jr. greeted the FAS employees assembled to honor their co-workers. FAS Administrator Bob Tetro made the presentations.

Honored with certificates of merit for sustained superior performance were: Eula Lee Adams, Gladys C. Ancheta, Gae A. Bennett, James W. Birkhead, Ellis B. Clough, Charles R. Davenport, Sarah L. Fagan, Arthur M. Flatequal, Karen J. Friedmann, Helen V. Hansbrough, William E. Harvey, Harry W. Henderson, Print Hudson, Velma B. Knight, Frederick M. Lege III, Virginia H. Lemmich, Terrence W. McCabe, Stanley Mehr, Andrew J. Nichols, Beulah E. Norris, Patrick M. O'Leary, Adelaide E. Rice, Virginia S. Rogers, Wylene W. Seften, Daniel Sheppard, Claude L. Smith, Hughes H. Spurlock, Merle L. Thomas, Francis G. Thomason, and Gerald E. Tichenor.

Overseas awardees of sustained superior performance certificates were Laura

KIGER NAMED DIRECTOR OF TOBACCO DIVISION

Hugh C. Kiger has been appointed director of the FAS Tobacco Division. Hugh has been chief of the Division's Foreign Marketing Branch since 1954. As director, he succeeds Robert Owen, who is now international projects coordinator in the office of the asst administrator for trade policy and analysis.

NEW BRANCH CHIEF IN COTTON DIVISION

Glen Tussey, formerly with the Federal Extension Service, has been appointed chief of the Market Development Branch, FAS Cotton Division. He succeeds Lee Paramore, now our asst attache in Rome.

Lou Smith is now serving as executive assistant to Administrator Bob Tetro.

L. Acebo (Belgrade), Hans H. Buchmann (Bern), Cho Kim Hock (Kuala Lumpur), Torao Mizuno (Tokyo), Grace B. Novak (Leopoldville), Randolph I. Perkins (New Delhi), and Charalambos S. Stephanides (Leopoldville).

Yes, it's the merry month of May. Little Leaguers are dusting off their home plates; commencement invitations are being mailed; lawn mowers are being sharpened; and the pain of income taxes is subsiding.

Meanwhile, down at the South Building the halls have been brightened by the cheery voice of Burl Stugard, who came from Mexico City for consultation before taking home leave. He is now basking in his native Texas sunshine, but will be back at his post about June 15.

Howard Akers and Dudley Williams, asst attaches in Paris, recently spent a long weekend in Nexon (near Limoges), where they were honor guests at the town's first exhibit of Limousine cattle--a beef breed named after the old province of Limousin.

Mary Ann Mihalek, Bangkok secretary, is back on the job after a 3-week vacation trip to Singapore, Djakarta, and Bali. She recommends Singapore for shopping and Bali for what-ails-you.

Norman Pettipaw, asst attache in Rome, and J. Henry Burke, FAS/Wash, are advisers to the 2nd session of the FAO group meeting on Citrus Fruit in Rome (May 18-29). Donald M. (Don) Rubel, chief of Fruits & Veg. Div, is the FAS delegate.

Walter Sikes, director of our Fats & Oils Div, left early this month on a 5-week swing through Egypt, Pakistan, India, Iran, Sweden, and West Germany. He'll be conferring with attaches, oil trade circles, and the Soybean Council staff about project operations abroad.

Former Iowa State University students, including attache Joe Dodson, recently got together at a dinner in Bangkok to hear a talk by the visiting ISU alumni association vice-president. More than 20 Thai and Americans attended. Earlier, Dodson attended the opening session of the Thai Council of Ministers, at which U. S. secretary of State Dean Rusk was a guest speaker.



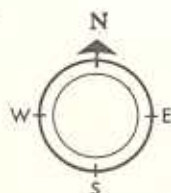
THE LOWEST SPOT on earth proved quite enjoyable to Gordon Schlubatis, Ankara attache, when he and his wife spent a long weekend seeing some sights in Jordan.

Our versatile Ralph Phillips, dir of Int'l Organization Affairs, is author of a chapter on "Untapped Sources of Animal Germ Plasm" in a book about germ plasm resources just published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

John Wenmohs (Lagos) was called home to Texas last month because of his father's illness but is now back at his post.

NEW JOB, NEW SON

Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Welton happily announce the birth on May 1 of a 6-pound, 7-ounce son, John Richard. Dick recently transferred from the Livestock Div to the attache service and is scheduled to leave in early July for Buenos Aires. He will replace Duane W. Clark as asst attache there; Duane is coming into FAS/Wash for reassignment.



CROSSROADS

TRAFFIC

Oldrich Fejfar (pronounce it Fay-far), newly appointed asst attache in Ankara, will be arriving in Turkey about June 1 to give attache Gordon Schlubatis a helping hand. Oldrich joined the European Analysis Branch of FAS about 6 years ago, and more recently has been with the Import Division.

Stephen C. Hughes (formerly with FHA) has joined FAS and will soon be leaving for New Delhi, where he will replace Tom Street as asst attache. Tom is moving up to Bern--replacing attache Irwin Hedges, who'll be coming into Washington for reassignment.

Rosemary Corcoran, secy in Caracas, will be heading for "home" (Chicago) in June for a well-deserved vacation before she reports to FAS/Wash for reassignment.

Larry F. Thomasson, ex-Int'l Monetary Branch, is brushing up on his Portuguese. He will be arriving in Rio de Janeiro in early July to be our new asst attache there.

Roger S. Euler has the distinction of being the first attache appointed to FAS's newest agricultural attache post: Warsaw, Poland. Scheduled arrival date: May 22.



BILL HATCH, attache in Dublin (right) and his agricultural assistant Marcus J. MacInerney (left) talk things over with Irish Minister of Agriculture Patrick Smith. The occasion was a reception at the U. S. ambassador's residence.

MEMO FROM MOZAMBIQUE

Paul Ferree, Salisbury, made his first trip to Mozambique in April, accompanied by Carlos Viera, statistical clerk.

Paul reports that some good irrigation, resettlement, and native housing projects are underway in the Limpopo Valley that the women are still shelling cashew nuts, and in their spare time driving oxen while their husbands toil in Rhodesian mines that the beaches of Xai-Xai and Belem are beautiful that he's grown extremely fond of Portuguese food and drink and that his fluency in the Portuguese language is a big help (but not exactly an "open Sesame") in gathering statistics.

SEED TEAM VISITS URUGUAY



A seed team representing the Texas Certified Seed Producers and FAS recently visited Uruguay and other Latin American countries to investigate opportunities for increasing U. S. seed exports.

Above, pictured in Uruguay, (left to right) are George Warner, Miller Seed Co.; Othel Neely, executive vice president, Texas Certified Seed Producers; Dave Foster, senior agronomist, Southwest Agricultural Institute, San Antonio, Texas; Horace Bolster, FAS seed marketing specialist; Louis Castelli, Direccion de Agronomia, Estenzuela, Uruguay; and Henry Buckardt, agricultural attache, Montevideo.

ATTACHE RETIREE Robert H. Reed and Mrs. Reed say goodbye to Administrator Bob Tetro (left foreground) and Asst Administrator Jerry Tichenor at informal party staged by attaches office.

In background (left to right): Hugh Robinson, Lou Smith, Sally Fagan, Ruth Allen, Dorothy Pollet, Ralph Phillips, Quentin Bates, Emily Allen, and Sam Work (Nellie Lee missed the party because of a family emergency).



TOT ZIENS!

"The last 5 years were the best". Thus spake Robert H. Reed, former agricultural attache in The Hague, on the day of his retirement--April 30.

Bob joined FAS in 1956 after a 33-year career as editor of The Country Gentleman. He was our attache in the Netherlands until late 1960. After his return to FAS/Wash, he wrote a number of magazine articles you'll see in print throughout the year.

Now the Reeds are enjoying life at their new summer home at Omena, Mich., on the shore of Grand Travers Bay. They say the door will always be open to members of the FAS family. With 55 acres of grounds, Bob says there will be plenty of room; and in the way of recreation he offers (among other things) swimming, skin-diving, fishing, and hunting.

When the water gets chilly in Michigan, the Reeds will head for their permanent home at 29 College Avenue, Swarthmore, Pa.



TROPHY donated by FAS is presented by Clarence Pike, attache in Lima, at the 5th Regional Livestock Exposition in Huancayo, Peru. The recipient is the owner of the grand champion Brown-Swiss bull. Also in the picture is Ernesto Buitron, senior assistant in Pike's office; he is in 2nd row at extreme right (just in back of the pretty senorita).



FRANCIS JACK (left), ag attache in Quito, steadies a cow for Merle Howard, prominent Holstein-Friesian "classifier," while owners of the Hacienda Miraflores look on. Howard was invited by the Ecuadorian Holstein Association to help classify the country's dairy cattle. FAS is cooperating with U. S. and Ecuadorian cattle breeders in the project.

ANGLING "DOWN UNDER"

Dan Brady reports from his Wellington post that the shark, tuna, and swordfish haven't been biting very well off the New Zealand coast. All Dan caught on a recent deep-sea fishing weekend were two puny kingfish, a 36-pounder and a 47-pounder. Neville Thomson, chairman of the N. Z. Meat Export Development Co., and Arthur Ward, general manager of the Dairy Board, were witnesses.

TANNOUS CHANGES DESKS

Afif I. Tannous, former chief of the Africa and Middle East Analysis Division, is now area officer for Africa and the Middle East. He succeeds Laurell (Doc) Scranton, newly appointed deputy asst administrator. Tannous, as assistant to the asst administrator, will continue to coordinate USDA activities under the agreement with ICA.

IT'S A GIRL-- DOWN MEXICO WAY

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Ray (Mexico City) are the proud parents of a baby girl, their first child, born May 3. Johnny returned from a field trip just in time for the event.

MORE RAMBLERS--

Art Minor plans to visit the Paris International Trade Fair on his way to Stockholm for a late-May training session at the regional meeting of the Soybean Council of America. He'll also stop in London, Copenhagen, Hamburg, The Hague, Brussels, and Dublin to confer with attaches and other officials.

Ken Krogh, chief of Int'l Trade Fairs Branch, is also in Europe, reviewing operations in France, Poland, and Denmark, and helping plan future exhibits in Britain and Germany. His itinerary includes the Stockholm regional meeting of the Soybean Council of America.

BOULWARE SPEAKS

Jim Boulware, attache in Canberra, was one of the participants in a symposium on "The Use of Agricultural Surpluses for Economic Development" at the 5th annual conference of the Australian Economics Society in Canberra earlier this year.

Boulware presented a paper with the impressive title of "The American Approach to Agricultural Surpluses and Their Disposal as an Aspect of Agricultural Production and Trade Policies."



UNDER THE SPREADING OLIVE TREE seemed like a fitting place for John Ray (asst attache in Mexico) to pause and/or pose for a picture. He was on a field trip through the olive-growing area near Guanajuato.



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PAT-ON-THE-BACK DEPARTMENT

Reports officer Harald Larsen says that agricultural attaches (most of them) have earned an "A+" for stepping up the timeliness of their reports this past year. The number of tardy reports in 1960 was cut down about 50% from late arrivals in 1959.

While there are still a few attache "delinquents," some of them can be absolved because of political unrest in their areas, necessary absence from their posts, unusual delays in mailing facilities, and other factors beyond their control.

"In a nutshell" -- to use a good agricultural metaphor -- attaches have gone on record as doing an excellent job of getting timely reports into Washington. This record covers only "required" reports; the number of "voluntary" reports sent during 1960 was nearly double these required. All attaches are now being advised twice yearly on the status of their reports, and we understand that the status reviews have revealed a few lapses on the Washington end; these will be remedied!

FAS EMPLOYEE COUNCIL HOLDS ELECTIONS

The FAS Employee Council elected the following new officers in April: Leslie Hurt, chairman, and Dale Farringer, vice-chairman. Vivian Broadbelt is continuing temporarily as secretary. Hugh Robinson (European area officer) is delegate to the USDA Employee Council, and Doris Laut (Management Div), alternate.

Amanda Halford and Mable McKendrie are the FAS council members representing Agricultural Attaches (including field personnel); Betty Skeria and Harald Larsen are alternates. Other organizational units of FAS are also represented by two members and two alternates each. Pauline B. Moore is the Personnel Division's liaison with the council.

The FAS Employee Council is the official medium for obtaining employee views on matters of interest to them and for insuring that such views will receive appropriate consideration by employee-elected representatives and responsible agency and Department officials.

INCOME TAX INFORMATION

The Internal Revenue Service has stated recently that each year brings a decrease in the number of errors discovered in United States Income Tax returns. However, one area in which numerous mistakes continue to appear relates to citizens who are abroad.

Many such persons are unaware that, except for certain exclusions, they are subject to United States Income Taxes, even though their income is from sources outside the United States. In this connection, the Internal Revenue Service has invited particular attention to the necessity of reporting all dividends and interest income, or any other income, such as capital gains, retirement income, rents, royalties, business or professional income, etc. In this instance, capital gains include those from the sale of personal property such as automobiles, electrical appliances, furniture, jewelry, and so forth, which is sold outside the United States.

In the event additional information is desired, the Director of International Operations, Internal Revenue Service, Washington 25, D.C., will furnish free pamphlets upon request.



Growth Through Agricultural Progress

JAPANESE OFFICIAL VISITS USDA

Hisashi Amano, Governor of Yamashiro Prefecture, Japan, was a recent visitor to Washington.

After thanking USDA, the American Jersey Cattle Club, and the U. S. Air Force for corn and cattle flown to his typhoon-damaged prefecture, Governor Amano was presented by Asst. Secy. John P. Duncan, Jr. with a copy of the USDA Yearbook, Power to Produce.

Left to right: Gov. Amano; Paul Y. Sone, interpreter; Adm. Tetro; and Asst. Secy. Duncan.



FAIR FOURSOME



No wonder Jim Martin, Trade Fairs Branch, looks so happy. Here he is with American movie actress Jean Seberg (left) and the French star Genevieve Cluny presenting a plump U. S. turkey to Raymond Oliver, one of France's top-ranking

chefs. All in a day's work, of course--to help publicize the U. S. exhibit at the Paris Trade Fair, May 18-29. The restaurant, Le Grand Vefour, one of the oldest in Paris, dates back to 1740.